



vs. Competition

We want to build you the best home on the market and we want you to know that you're getting a high-quality home built with experienced contractors and with reliable products. Below are some comparisons of Stone Hammer Homes products and processes versus our competitors. We want to provide you with as much transparency in this process as possible so that you can make the most informed purchasing decision.

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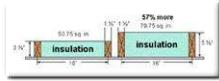
Foundation:

- o 8" thick poured concrete foundation for superior strength and higher resistance to moisture
- o 8' tall foundations allow for extra ceiling height in the basement (great for finished basements)
- o Delta MS waterproofing helps to provide the driest basements in the industry
- o 9' high basements are an available option as well as Superior Walls



Framing:

- o Dryguard Premium decking has superior shear strength to plywood and better holding power for fasteners
- o 2x6 exterior walls allow for 57% more insulation and increased wall strength



- o Steel I beams offer superior structural support and fewer stanchion posts in the basement (ideal for basement finishing)



Floor System:

- o Dryguard floor decking has a 200 day no sand guarantee that prevents seam swelling
- o Bridging between floor joists stabilizes the floor system to prevent floor deflection/bounce



Subfloor Fasteners:

- o Paslode Tetrugrip nails have the holding power of screws to help prevent floor squeaks



Windows:

- o Pella's Encompass double hung (top and bottom sash are operable) energy star windows with screens



Exterior Doors:

- o ThermaTru Doors with On Guard composite jambs will never rot



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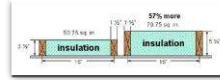
Foundation:

- o 8" thick block foundation have less strength and are susceptible to moisture wicking and cracking
- o Tar damp proofing will crack if the foundation settles and doesn't protect against hydrostatic pressure



Framing:

- o Plywood decking and sheathing have lower shear strength and less holding power for fasteners
- o 2x4 Exterior walls allow for 57% less insulation and less overall wall strength



- o Wood LVL's are more cost effective but require a higher frequency of stanchion posts making basement finishing more difficult



Floor System:

- o Regular OSB can be prone to wicking water and swelling on the edges causing uneven floors
- o Without bridging you'll have increased deflection/bounce in your floor system



Subfloor Fasteners:

- o Ring shank nails are widely used in the industry but are prone to subfloor squeaking



Windows:

- o Vinyl single hung windows (only the bottom sash is operable making cleaning more difficult)



Exterior Doors:

- o Doors with wood jambs and trim will need to be painted and caulked regularly and are prone to rotting



Siding:

- o .044 gauge vinyl clap board siding- maintenance free, no painting, never rot
- o Smart Side wood grain trim around windows and doors
- o Industry leading DuPont Tyvek house wrap- excellent air and water barrier
- o Smart Side engineered wood siding is an available option



Shown with Smart Side Siding

Mechanics:

- o Duct sealing for improved HVAC efficiency
- o PEX supply lines are corrosion free, cost effective and easy to retro down the road if adding plumbing.
(Hot and cold supplies are designated by red and blue pipe)



Trim:

- o Pine Trim with 5 1/2" baseboards and wide casings, longer lasting and more durable



Interior Doors:

- o Several options available in both hollow core and solid core doors



Paint:

- o Choice of 3 paint colors on interior walls accents the trim and prevents immediate paint projects
- o Flat paint on walls and ceilings and semigloss paint on all trim for easy cleaning



Hardware:

- o Oil rubbed bronze lever locks provide a timeless look and are easy to use for all ages



Flooring:

- o Solid 3/4" hardwood flooring with varying widths available
- o Prefinished wood for speed of install and harder longer lasting finish
- o Tile and high quality carpeting



Siding:

- o .040 gauge vinyl siding is prone to looking wavy
- o Lower guage house wraps aren't as durable and resilient and don't meet the same standards as Dupont's Tyvek



Mechanics:

- o No duct sealing leads to less efficient systems
- o Copper plumbing supplies are not only cost prohibitive they are also prone to corrosion



Trim:

- o MDF trim with 3 1/4" baseboard. Poor durability, prone to chipping, flaking and moisture wicking



Interior Doors:

- o Typically one, hollow core option available



Paint:

- o Single paint color throughout house, typically white



Hardware:

- o Satin nickel round knobs



Flooring:

- o Linoleum flooring is standard
- o Engineered hardwoods have low durability and minimize longevity of refinishing (only 1/4" of actual hardwood laminated onto engineered planks)



Gutters:

- o Seamless gutters on most eaves

**Driveway:**

- o Binder coat driveway provides a smooth, clean driving surface (must be top coated after first year)

**Lawn:**

- o Hydroseeded starter yard germinates quickly to prevent erosion and provide a quick new lawn



- o Step stone walkways provide a clean walking surface and are easy to remove for more permanent walkway at a later date

**Gutters:**

- o Not having gutters can cause moisture issues in your basement and add increased settlement in the yard

**Driveway:**

- o Gravel driveway

**Lawn:**

- o No lawn or a hand seeded lawn



- o Stone walkways do not provide a clean walking surface



